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SUMMARY: GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS ADOPTS "PEOPLE'S
AUTHORITY" AND NAMES QUADHAFI AS GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLE'S
CONGRESS. CONGRESS' ELECTION REMOVES JALLUD AND HUMAYDI
FROM ROLES. NEW P.M. AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR ELECTED.
RCC ABOLISHED. COUNTRY'S NAME CHANGED. KORAN NOW LAW OF
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LAND AND SOCIALISM BECOMES BASIS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOP-
MENT. SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT AUTHORITY CREATES CONSTITUTIONAL
MEANS OF TRANSITION OF POWER.

1. AFTER THREE DAYS OF DELIBERATION IN THE LIBYAN
DESERT TOWN OF SEBHA THE COUNTRY'S POPULAR PEOPLE'S
CONGRESS DECIDED TO ELECT COL. QADHAFI AS GENERAL CHAIR-

MAN OF PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT (OR TRUNCATED RCC). THE CONGRESS ALSO ELECTED TO THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS RCC MEMBERS MAJOR ABDUL AL-SALAM AHMAD JALLUD, LT. COL. ABU BAKR YUNIS JABER, LT. COL. MUSTAFA KARROUBI, MAJOR AL-KHWAILDI AL-HUMAYDI. THE CONGRESS VOTED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY TO THE PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYYA (AS YET UNTRANSLATABLE BUT ROUGHTLY MEANING STATE OF THE MASSES). IT ALSO ADOPTED THE KORAN AS THE BASIS FOR LIBYAN LEGISLATION AND, SOCIALISM AS THE BASIS OF THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE CONGRESS ADOPTED QADHAFI'S "PEOPLE'S AUTHORITY" PLAN IN WHICH LIBYANS THEORETICALLY HAVE A DIRECT ROLE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT THROUGH THEIR CONGRESSES, POPULAR COMMITTEES, TRADE UNIONS AND POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS. THE CONGRESS ALSO ADOPTED QADHAFI'S PLAN REQUIRING UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE.

2. IN SPEECH MARCH 2 COL. QADHAFI DECLARED TO THE 980 CONGRESS DELEGATES THAT THE NEW NAME OF THE COUNTRY WAS INDICATIVE OF A NEW ERA REFLECTING A NEW POLITICAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT DIFFERED FROM BOTH MONARCHIES AND REPUBLICS. HE INDICATED THAT LIBYA'S CULTURAL REVOLUTION WOULD BE BASED ON ISLAM, AND THE STUDY OF ISLAM THEOLOGY AND THE PROPHET'S TRADITIONS. ON THE QUESTION OF UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE, ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS, COL. QADHAFI STATED THAT THE DEFENSE OF THE COUNTRY WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY LIBYAN CAPABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF DEFENDING THEIR HOME LAND.

3. NOW FORMER PRIME MINISTER JALLUD, WHO WAS ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS' SECRETARIAT, ALSO ADDRESSED THE CONGRESS AND WARNED THE DELEGATES OF "REACTIONARY" FORCES INSIDE THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD WHICH ALLEGEDLY DESIRED TO USE THE NEWLY DECLARED PEOPLE'S AUTHORITY AS A MEANS OF ELIMINATING THE REVOLUTION. JALLUD CLAIMED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S AUTHORITY "DIFFERS FROM HANDING OVER THE AUTHORITY TO THE PEOPLE, AS NO AUTHORITY INSIDE OR OUT HAS OBLIGED US (RCC) TO RELINQUISH POWER, BUT IT WAS THE RCC'S DETERMINED GOAL AND REVOLUTIONARY OBJECTIVE." HE CLAIMED THAT THE RCC FOR SEVEN YEARS HAD LED LIBYA TOWARDS THE CREATION OF A "POPULAR AUTHORITY" AND THAT THE CONGRESS NOW ACCEPTED THE "AUTHORITY" AS THEY DID COL. QADHAFI AS ITS PRESIDENT.

4. SIGNIFICANTLY, THE CONGRESS ANNOUNCED THE ELECTION OF FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR ABD AL-ATI AL-UBAYDI TO

THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE POPULAR COMMITTEE
(OR PRIME MINISTER) OF THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. UBAYDI,
A YOUNG (30'S) AND PLEASANT PERSON, PROBABLY OWES HIS
SELECTION AS PRIME MINISTER MORE TO HIS CLOSE FRIEND-
SHIP WITH SEVERAL RCC MEMBERS THAN HIS ADMINISTRATIVE
ABILITY. UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR YUNIS BELGASSEM
WAS NAMED NEW SECRETARY OF INTERIOR REPLACING HYMAYDI.
MUHAMMAD TAHIR MAHJUD WAS ELECTED SECRETARY (MINISTER)
OF LABOR TO REPLACE UBAYDI. THE 24 PREVIOUS MINISTERS
RETAIN THEIR PROTFOLOS UNDER NEW TITLES OF SECRETARIES.
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